

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on February 10, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Vice Chair (R) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Dee Brown (R)  
Sen. Pat Connell (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 80, 1/30/2015; SB 162, 2/2/2015; SB 259, 2/3/2015

Executive Action: HB 38, HB 147, SB 138, HB 103, SB 205, SB 66

**HEARING ON HB 80**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:00 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 80. Revising certain licensing boards.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:26 Todd Younkin, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(bus30a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus30a02\)](#)

00:04:36 John Gordon, Montana State Electrical Board (MSEB)

00:04:53 John Forkan, Montana State Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters (MSAPP)

00:05:31 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), # 233

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:06:30 Sen. Connell

00:07:26 Mr. Gordon, MSEB

00:08:14 Chairman Buttrey

00:08:44 Mr. Gordon (redirect)

00:09:49 Mr. Allen, IBEW

00:10:35 Chairman Buttrey

00:12:00 Mr. Allen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:12:13 Rep. Lynch

00:13:50 Recess

00:15:56 Reconvene

**HEARING ON SB 162**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:16:04 Sen. Bob Keenan (R), SD 5, opened the hearing on SB 162. Require recording of mortgages and assignments of mortgages.

[EXHIBIT\(bus30a03\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:22:22 Dan Mitchell, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:27:28 Steve Turkiewicz, president, CEO, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)  
00:31:59 William Gowen, president elect, Montana Land Title Association (MLTA)  
00:37:56 Bill Hultman, government affairs, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
(MERS)

**EXHIBIT(bus30a04)**

00:42:50 Donya Parrish, Montana's Credit Unions (MCU)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:43:45 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:44:13 Sen. Brown  
00:44:25 Sen. Keenan  
00:44:53 Sen. Brown  
00:44:56 Mr. Hultman, MERS  
00:45:07 Sen. Brown  
00:45:11 Sen. Keenan (redirect)  
00:46:07 Sen. Brown  
00:46:10 Mr. Mitchell, self  
00:47:30 Chairman Buttrey  
00:47:34 Mr. Hultman  
00:48:19 Sen. Connell  
00:58:27 Mr. Mitchell  
00:58:41 Chairman Buttrey  
00:58:48 Mr. Mitchell  
00:58:56 Sen. Facey  
00:59:04 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Bankers Association (MBA) (redirect)  
00:59:52 Sen. Facey  
01:00:11 Mr. Hultman  
01:01:14 Chairman Buttrey  
01:05:01 Mr. Hultman

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:05:37 Sen. Keenan  
  
01:07:07 Recess  
01:11:57 Reconvene

**HEARING ON SB 259**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:12:04 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 259. Revising workers' compensation and occupational health and safety assessments.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:19:20 Diana Ferriter, administrator, Employee Relations Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(bus30a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus30a06\)](#)

01:30:34 Angela McLean, lieutenant governor

01:34:29 Bob Worthington, co-vice chair, Labor Management Advisory Council (LMAC)

01:38:01 Don Judge, labor representative, Labor Management Advisory Council (LMAC)

01:43:01 Lonny Olson, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

01:43:20 Josh Egan, student at Helena High

[EXHIBIT\(bus30a07\)](#)

01:44:05 Clay Zander, student at Helena High

01:44:46 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association (AIA)

01:47:02 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)

01:48:03 Chris Cavazos, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO); member, Labor Management Advisory Council (LMAC)

01:48:56 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

01:49:54 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:51:04 Sen. Whitford

01:53:20 Ms. Ferriter, DLI

[EXHIBIT\(bus30a08\)](#)

01:54:28 Sen. Facey

01:56:45 Mr. Worthington, LMAC

01:56:54 Sen. Facey

01:57:17 Ms. Ferriter

01:58:18 Sen. Arntzen

01:59:05 Mr. Oppel, MCC

01:59:24 Sen. Facey

01:59:39 Sen. Arntzen

02:00:15 Mr. Oppel

02:01:04 Sen. Facey

02:05:07 Sen. Arntzen

02:07:26 Ms. Ferriter

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:07:30 Sen. Tutvedt

02:09:12 Chairman Buttrey

02:09:23 Recess

02:26:01 Reconvene

Sen. Smith and Sen. Connell left the hearing.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 38**

02:26:15 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 38 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

02:27:07 Chairman Buttrey

02:27:11 Sen. Brown

02:28:15 Chairman Buttrey

02:28:22 Sen. Facey

02:28:47 Chairman Buttrey

02:29:10 Sen. Arntzen

02:29:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Brown, Sen. Smith and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Connell and Sen. Smith voted by proxy. Sen. Blazdel will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 103**

02:31:08 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **HB 103 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

02:31:35 Sen. Brown

02:32:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Brown will carry the bill.

02:32:49 Sen. Brown

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 147**

02:32:53 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **HB 147 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

02:33:25 Sen. Facey

02:34:06 Sen. Brown

02:35:05 Sen. Arntzen

02:35:52 Sen. Vuckovich

02:36:33 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

02:37:41 Sen. Facey

02:38:15 Sen. Whitford

02:39:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, Sen. Vuckovich and Sen. Whitford voting no. Sen. Connell and Sen. Smith voted by proxy. Sen. Smith will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 138**

02:40:00 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 138 DO PASS.**

02:40:55 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 138 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(bus30a09)

**Discussion:**

02:41:40 Sen. Brown  
02:42:11 Chairman Buttrey

02:42:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

02:42:31 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 138 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

02:42:35 Sen Facey  
02:42:51 Chairman Buttrey  
02:43:28 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

02:44:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Brown voting no. Sen. Connell and Sen. Smith voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 66**

02:45:10 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 66 DO PASS.**

02:46:00 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 66 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(bus30a10)

**Discussion:**

02:46:17 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
02:49:30 Sen. Brown  
02:50:09 Mr. Walker, LSD  
02:50:43 Sen. Brown  
02:50:54 Sen. Arntzen  
02:51:47 Sen. Facey  
02:52:14 Chairman Buttrey

02:53:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Brown, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, Sen. Vuckovich and Sen. Whitford voting no. Sen. Connell and Sen. Smith voted by proxy.

02:53:55 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 66 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

02:54:05 Sen. Arntzen  
02:55:10 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
02:58:45 Sen. Brown  
02:59:43 Chairman Buttrey  
02:59:50 Sen. Arntzen  
03:01:15 Chairman Buttrey  
03:01:50 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
03:02:45 Chairman Buttrey  
03:02:49 Sen. Arntzen  
03:03:38 Chairman Buttrey  
03:03:51 Sen. Brown

03:04:20 **Substitution Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved **TO DELAY ACTION ON SB 66 UNTIL FEBRUARY 18, 2015.** Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Brown voting no. Sen. Connell and Sen. Smith voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

03:06:06 Sen. Arntzen  
03:06:54 Chairman Buttrey  
03:07:29 Sen. Arntzen

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 205**

03:07:57 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 205 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

03:08:19 Sen. Facey  
03:08:57 Sen. Brown

03:09:51 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, Sen. Vuckovich and Sen. Whitford voting aye. Sen. Connell and Sen. Smith voted by proxy.

03:11:10 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 205 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, Sen. Vuckovich and Sen. Whitford voting no. Sen. Connell and Sen. Smith voted by proxy.

03:11:25 Chairman Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:15 A.M.

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([bus30aad.pdf](#))